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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Box Fee Amendment Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 19, 2001, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 2 to read as follows:

- 1. (Twice Amended) Method for the production of recombinant peptides with a low amount of trisulfides, comprising fermenting cells to produce the recombinant peptides, wherein a metal salt is added during or after the fermentation step, prior to peptide isolation.
- 2. (Twice Amended) Method for the reduction of the amount of trisulfides in the production of recombinant peptides comprising fermenting cells to produce recombinant peptides, wherein a metal salt is added during or after fermentation, prior to peptide isolation.

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Please add claim 20:

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-20. (New) Method for the reduction in the formation of the amount of trisulfides

in the production of recombinant peptides.--